

the Jackson Automobile Company visited | bile Club: Washington last week. He called on L D. Moore, agent for the Jackson.

will probably start a reliability contest chauffeurs. May 8. The course is through Maryland and Pennsylvania. Several entries have been received.

Hugh Reilly has bought a Packard touring car through the Luttrell company. The company reports having been busy this spring season handling the Buick as well as the Packard.

The decision of the Motor Club of Harrisburg to make Washington the night stopping place the first day of its reliability contest, to be held from May 3 to coil must be secured to replace the old the ceiling of the garage and lowered May 6, has aroused much interest here. Arrangements have been made for a government official to review the contesting cars as they finish the day's run-In other respects the first day's run of the Harrisburg Club will be a memorable affair. The first checking station will be at the main entrance to the battlefield of Gettysburg. Another checking station will be in front of the John Brown monument at Harpers Ferry, a third at the old house in Frederick from the windows of which Barbara Frietchie is said to have waved her country's flag, and the last in front of the White House here.

"It took a long time for both the automobile owner and manufacturer to appreciate the need of larger tires." Secretary Stadleman of the Goodyear Rubber and Tire Company explains. "The first automobile tires that were made of the size 36x5 were produced at the expense of the owner, who paid for the special molds. At that time tires of that size were not made and were looked upon by motor car makers as excessive in size, even when they were made for the big cars when they were ordered. The owner wanted them, however, and had faith in his plan cost, as the saving in the first two years during the touring season. of both money and temper yielded what Norfolk county, Va., has voted \$200,nsidered big returns.

"His reasoning was brought about by the fact that he took a bicycle tire of that day and considered its cubic air capacity as compared with the weight it had to carry. Ignoring for the moment the fact that the automobile tire had greater strains from speed and from the twisting action of four wheels as against two, he found that the tire size then recommended did not carry a proportional volume of air, and it was this point that started him along the line of ordering and paying extra for the bigger tires."

The perils of the desert across which lies the way to Death valley recently thut an automobile party of three from and friends, who feared that the invaders of the waste lands had died of thirst. D. V. A. Williams, a mining man, with

Samuel F. Hammond and a chauffeur named Bashaw, set out from Los Angeles in a touring car, and midnight on the desert found them speeding through the darkness, fifty miles off their route and trap such as nature has in few places duplicated. They had started for a mine near Johannesburg, but had taken the Daggett road instead of the Mojave route, over which they had been directed to go. They were rushing along during the darkest hours when they drove the motor car onto a rock hidden by a clump of desert bush, the force of the collision breaking some of the mechanism beneath the car and leaving the crew stranded as on a desert island in a wide sweeping ocean of sand.

If they had kept on the right road they would have reached Randsburg by noon of the following day, and supplies had been provided only to last until that stop could be made. The accident in a way helped the lost travelers, for if it had not happened they would have raced on in the wrong direction and in the morning have been many miles farther away and out of gasoline with Death valley and imminent death by thirst close at hand.

At daylight, as soon as one could see, Mr. Hammond and the chauffeur set out to make their way to some place where there were human habitations and whence relief could be obtained. Mr. Williams remained with the car. Weakened by hunger and thirst, the driver gave out before the day was over, and Mr. Hammond went on alone, finally reaching Johannesburg in the early evening. Mr. Bashaw finally succeeded in making his way alone to Ballarat. A party in an automobile went back

after Mr. Williams, but when the stranded car was found a note pinned to the seat said that thrist had compelled him to start out in an attempt to find water. A search was organized, and in time he was found, whereupon new trouble developed. The rescuing automobile refused to work, breaking down without the excuse of such a collision as had halted the other car, and it was nine days altogether after the start of the trip before the wayfarers reached a place of civilized and secure abode, although several searching parties were out after them. Friends believed Williams to be dead or wandering about the desert, perhaps half crazed. Not a word with which to relieve the suspense of his wife was possible. But as a matter of fact the party that found him and then broke down was well provided with food and drink and was reasonably comfortable while making repairs on the car. When these were completed all speed possible was made in getting out of the parched wastes.

automobiles.

A new motor car recently bought by Andrew Carnegle, the steel king, is of forty-eight horsepower.

Club of England.

Massachusetts is new credited with more than 18,000 automobiles and something like 700 miles of scientifically built smooth macadam highways. One hundred taxicabs are expected to be in use in Boston by the 1st of July. Taxicabs are to be introduced in Port-

land, Me., this summer. The Automobile Club of Maryland has planned to establish local branches of the club in every important city and town in

the state.

The German Imperial Automobile Club has decided that its trials of industrial motor vehicles will extend from April 23 to May 13.

The Automobile Club of Philadelphia is endeavoring to have the restriction America has sanctioned the proposed against the use of tire chains in Fair-

mount Park repealed. The New Jersey Automobile and Motor Club of Newark now has more than 1 400 members. Among new members is Jacob Haussling, mayor of Newark The Wilkinsburg (Pa.) Automobile Club is planning a run to Canton, Ohia, where Dr. W. C. Cook of Wilkinsburg will make a balloon ascension.

A movement is on toot for the condistance of some 1,200 miles.

chauffeurs' actions.

usual next winter in spite of the opposi- sent. tion of a number of leading manufacturing firms.

If a coil is in such condition that a always due to burning out, and a new quite fly for bedroom-suspended from

Others will follow in event the experi- now

As a result of the industrial motor been given an order for 250 vehicles at a cost of more than \$900,000. The Manitoba Motor League has ar- Gaskill for the state.

ranged with the provincial legis ature so that it may affix road signs on telephone poles, thereby saving the expense of erecting posts. Chicago now has fourteen motor vehicles engaged in municipal service, one of which has traveled 97,000 miles in two

years, while another has covered 52,000 niles in a single year. Preparations are being made by the Minnesota State Automobile Association for the publication of its annual route book, containing information as to routes, roads and hotels throughout the state.

The Automobile Club of Canada is backing a movement to oil the twentytwo miles of roads skirting Lake St. Louis, near Montreal. Heretofore a dust

same state will vote shortly on the appropriation of \$300,000 to build 100 miles of new road to Richmond.

A forty-horsepower car has been ordered by Atlantic City, N. J., for its fire chief. The car will be equipped with extinguishers, a fire bell and a box at the rear for the chief's helmet and rubber coat, in addition to room for carrying exes and other fire fighting apparatus. The Automobile Club of New Haven, Conn., has decided to begin another campaign to increase the membership of the rganization. Five months ago there were less than seventy-five members in the club and at the present time there are

An outgrowth of the local automobile Los Angeles off from the outside world show is a four-day endurance run that for nine days, to the alarm of relatives will be given by the Detroit Automobile Dealers' Association, April 27 to 30. A day's mileage under the schedules will be from 100 miles up, and suitable prizes will be awarded.

Being desirous of making the two-day endurance contest in May a most successheaded straight for Death valley, a man ful affair, the Norristown (Pa.) Automobile Club has issued invitations to the automobile clubs of Philadelphia to give their opinions as to the most popular route for the run.

> The Automobile Club of California has completed the erecting of road signs in Contra Costa county and part of San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Fresno counties. The club has posted 1,200 miles of road within a radius of 250 miles from San Francisco.

> have a third automobile club, as the proposal that the partly organized Boston Motor Club and the Bay State Automobile Association be amalgamated has failed of acceptance by the committees of the two clubs that have been considering the mat-

A new motor-gas, "alkoethine," is a mixture of air, alcohol vapor and acetylene, resulting from the spraying of dilute alchohol over calcium carbide. It proves to be a cheaper fuel than gasoline, and the necessary apparatus for producing it stop pouring to avoid waste and mess. can be adapted to any high-speed gasoline

Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 will be spent on the automobile carnival in New York city in April. More than a score of members have signified their intention of making the trip with their families. The secretary of the club, Bert Van Tuyle, will make a pathfinding tour prior to the run.

The automobile show at Toledo, Ohio, which opens tomorrow for a week's run. promises to be one of the most successful yet held in Ohio. It will be held in the Coliseum, the same as last year, but instead of being divided, as at that time. all the local dealers will participate.

The promoters of the automobile race course at St. Louis hope to have the track finished in time to be opened next October, during the celebration of the centennial of the founding of the city. The track is to be oval in form, of reinforced cement, with a grandstand seating 10,000 persons. The space within the oval will be devoted to aeronautics.

According to the announcement of a large tire-making company of Ohio a new tire-making machine, invented by one of its employes, promises to revolutionize the tire-making industry. The nachine averages fifty tires a day to a man's six or eight, and, it is claimed, turns out a much stronger and more

ing the last five years about \$2,000,- Jones, Wednesday afternoon. The favors 000, to be used entirely in the use and and table decorations were green, with have been conducted by the state associa-Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania development of the automobile in its yellow tulips. is now a member of the Royal Automobile various departments. The post office gathers up and delivers its mail by automobile and the army uses the automobile truck exclusively for baggage and the guests Wednesday night of Mr. and transport wagons.

The schedule of sanction fees drawn by the contest board of the A. A. A. is as follows: Road race, where a stand is erected, \$300; track meeting, \$100; track meeting, including 24-hour race, \$250; hill climb, \$50; endurance contest, \$50, and road or bench speed trials, \$100. All clubs affiliated with the A. A. A. will be entitled to a reduction of 50 per cent of these rates.

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Stipulating that prizes and trophies should be guaranteed and that the rules must meet with the approval of its contest committee, the Automobile Club of transcontinental run from New York to Seattle, and the event will occur late in May or early in June. Although the entry blanks have not yet been issued, three foreign and one American entries are practically assured.

New York and Chicago capitalists are sail to be back of a project to build a struction of a first-class highway from network of transit lines on the New at 8 o'clock by an open meeting, when New Orleans to San Antonio, Tex., a Jersey coast, using the gasoline motor Prof. W. W. Skinner will deliver an il-A week's tour, to include the most car such as is now used by the Union historic and picturesque places in New Pacific railroad. This car is made of grading on Howard avenue, Kensington, York and New England, is being ar- pressed steel, 120 horsepower and is near its western terminus.

N. A. Merritt of the sales department of ranged by the Rochester, N. Y., Automo- capable of comfortably carrying sixty persons. As neither wire, poles nor third The Chattanooga (Tenn.) Automobile rail will be required, the cost of con-Chauffeurs and Machinists' Association struction will be comparatively small. has been organized. The object of the Five automobile measures are now before The Automobile Club of Washington new body is to place a boycott on negro the Rhode Island legislature through the efforts of the Rhode Island Automobile Now comes a new terror for "joy Club and the Rhode Island Motor League. rides." According to report, a company The most important bill provides that has been formed in New York to spot no chauffeur or other person shall drive machines and inform owners of their or operate any motor vehicle upon any public road or highway in Rhode Island Reports from abroad indicate that an in the absence of the owner of such automobile show will be held in Paris as motor vehicle without such owner's con-

> An automatic automobile protector of practical use for private garages attracted a good deal of attention at the Buffalo tillery battalion. It was designed by Mrs. S. C. Partington, a motoring enthusiast, and consisted of a cover of canvas-somecurrent will not pass through it it is what similar to the old-fashioned mostorney General of the United States, for the club, and Assistant Attorney General

> > The British war office, which recently conducted successful experiments in transporting troops in mo or b se is negotiating for the use of the taxicabs quarters. in time of national danger. Already the government has subsidized 2,000, and it hopes to increase the number under subsidy to 4,000 within the next few months, the proprietors receiving payment for the use of the vehicles and each driver wearing a stripe marked "Territorial Force Reserve Transport."

If the bill that has been introduced in the state legislature by Senator Page of Milwaukee becomes a law, Wisconsin will have one of the most liberal, yet practical, motor statutes yet and paid for it. He never regretted the cloud has hung over the region daily enacted. The speed limit provision says, "No person shall operate an automobile, motorcycle or other similar vehicle recklessly at a rate of snee greater than is reasonable or proper, county highways. Henry county of the having regard to the width, traffic and use of the highway, or as to endange. property or the life and limb of any person.

The first national stock chasses road ace for the trophy donated by Ira Cobe, president of the Chicago Automobile Club, will be the first big road race in the history of automobiling in the central western part of the country. The contest committee of the Chicago Automobile Club is devoting its energies toward arranging the p el m name for the coming event, which it is proposed to hold May 29 and June 1-Decoration day falling on Sunday.

Under an amendment to the Vermont motor laws, adopted by the state legis. lature, the license fee is now one dollar for every horsepower of the machine, with a provision placing a bonus on the keeping of the same car from year to year, the second year the fee being reduced one-quarter and the third and each succeeding year by one-half of the first sum. A motor bill before the Minnesota legis'ature also provides for \$1 tax per horsepower, but without the Vermont sliding scale.

* * An important change has been made in the plans for the speedway at Indianapolis, Ind. The outer track is to be made two and one-half miles long and the inside loop track the same length, the original plans calling for an outer track of two miles, while the inner track that with the change to be made greater speed can be attained. A national stripped stock car race of 1,000 miles a day for ten days will probably be the first contest held on the track.

The majority of strainers supplied to motorists, whether they be for filling gasoline tanks or lubricating tanks, are made on an extremely wrong principle, according to an expert motorist. It will be found that with most of them one can pour in the liquid much more quickly than it will run out, so that one has to This is sometimes due to the smallness of the outlet, but it is very much more often because the gauze strainer is of such small area. The fineness of the gauze is not referred to, for if the area of the strainer is large enough one can pour in gasoline through an ordinary fine mesh without the last accumulation of the liquid upon the top of the gauze.

J. M. Stoddard, who has been in Detroit and Cleveland, visiting the manufacturers of the cars which his firm sells, returned to Washington last week.

Sales of automobiles are beginning to show the approach of good touring weather. Robert S. Woodward, president of the Carnegie Institution; W. L. Redrow, Gustav Hartig and Mrs. Eugenia Blount are among the recent purchasers. Secretary Meyer bought a model 67 Waverly Victoria from the Pope Automobile Company.

KENSINGTON, MD.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

KENSINGTON, Md., March 20, 1909. The Women's Club of Kensington held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Field here today. Miss Wilson, head of the art department of the Washington high schools, ceeding national meeting. gave a talk on "Some of the Minor Dutch Artists.'

A luncheon was given by Mrs. Eugene Austria-Hungary has appropriated dur- Jones, assisted by Miss Mary McCubbin

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Marshall of Washington, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rumer, Rev. W. F. D. Moss and Miss Wilson were Mrs. J. Harry Cunningham. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Barker and their son Ned have returned from Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and child of Baltimore are visiting at the home of Harry M. Williams.

C. G. Dickson and family are occupying their new house on Washington street. Mrs. Dickson has just returned from a four months' visit in St. Paul. George Peter has sold his new house

on Montgomery avenue to Dr. Warren

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Legget and Mrs. F. D. Miller returned to their home Wednesday, after about a Michigan month's visit with Mrs. Mikkelson. Miss Florence Legget, who came with Mr. and Mrs. Legget, will continue her visit Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Kumler of Seven Mile, Onio, and Rev. and Mrs. David Oastler of Harrison, N. Y., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Kum-

The meeting of the Men's Club of the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, announced for last Wednesday evening, was postponed to next Wednesday evening. There will be a short business session, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, followed lustrated lecture on "Afloat in a Desert." The Sandy Spring Electric railroad is Association. Members of state teams are parrot that

NEWS OF THE LOCAL NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

Guard of the District of Columbia under the provisions of Section 14 of the militia act approved January 21, 1903, drawing life member of the National Rifle Associathe middle of July.

When all are at hand the first step tostaff departments and appointments thereto be made without delay. The general staff of the militia, to all intents and purposes, will cease to exist, although authorized by the new law. No time will be lost in the formation of the coast ar-

All officers who are to continue in the service will be recommissioned and, incidentally, the commissions will be of parchment, the same as those issued to officers of the army, the chief difference being the elimination of "by and with the or raised over the car by a clutch pulley. advice and consent of the Senate" from The constitutionality of the so-called the text. Officers will be commissioned A motor police patrol wagon will soon Frelinghuysen law, which regulates the as of an organization-for instance, as of be put into service in Philadelphia. use of motor vehicles in New Jersey, is the 1st Infantry. The commissions will ment proves a success, which is not that state. The test litigation, which any company or any staff position of the directly attacks the constitutionality of regiment. Each captain will serve in turn the measure, and is backed by the Auto- in the staff positions of the regiment. In French automobile manufacturer has mitted by John W. Griggs, former Atbeen given an order for 250 vehicles at torney Copyright of the Autothe battalions the first lieutenants will take turns in the staff positions. Officers holding staff positions must be competent to perform duty with companies. It seems clear that no delay will occur in making the new law effective. The details of the changes that are to follow are not fully known, not even at head-

> Inspections scheduled for this week Monday-The Signal Corps and the 1st Battery, Field Artillery, both at the Center Market armory, 8 o'clock p.m. Lieut. Col. George P. Scriven, Signal Corps, U. S. A., is to inspect the Signal Corps and Capt. Tieman N. Horn, 3d Field Arti lery, U. S. A., the 1st Battery, Fleid

Artillery.

Tuesday-General staff and general non-commissioned staff at militia headquarters, at 8 o'clock p.m.; 1st Separate Battalion at 9 o'clock Thursday-The Naval Battalion at 8 o'clock p.m.

The tenth annual athletic meet and infoor games of the Athletic Association of the National Guard of the District of Columbia will be held next Friday evening in the Center Market armory. The preliminary heats will be held Wednesday evening, so that only the final events will be run off Friday.

The 5th Regiment Athletic Association of Baltimore has entered representatives n nearly every event and the relay team of that organization will run against the ocal guard team for the military championship of Maryland and the District of Columbia. These two teams have met on four previous occasions, the Baltimore team winning twice, the locals once and the other time the result was a dead heat. It has been decided that the winner of the race Friday night shall be declared the champion.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29, 30 and 31, will wind up the gallery matches for the season, save the Burkhart medal match, which will take place at 8 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, April 17.

A great deal of the schedule for company practice has been omitted during the present month, due to the annual inspections, but it is the intention of the

It is expected that every soldier wil eceive proper instruction in the sightng, aiming and position drills before May 1, that they may be able to fire their was to be three miles. It is believed official scores on the range without it being necessary to take up the time of the officers on duty there in imparting and women never did have, and never instruction which the company officers are expected and required to give in company quarters or the rifle gallery. The improvements and repair on the ifle range are very nearly completed,

and it is expected that when it is officially opened, May 1, it will present a much more attractive and finished appearance than formerly.

Arrangements have been completed for the rifle shooting tournament at Camp Perry, Ohio, next August. The completed program includes the matches of the National Guard of Ohio, the Ohio State Rifle Association and the Department of the Lakes Rifle Association, to be held prior to August 20. August 20 and 21 will be set aside for practice for the national matches, which are conducted under the auspices of the War Department and the national board for promotion of rifle practice.

The national team match, in which it is

expected there will be more than fity

eams representing states, territories and

the regular services, will begin Monday, August 22, and will be followed by the national individual rifle match and the national pistol match. The tournament will conclude with the matches of the National Rifle Association, which will immediately follow the national match and which will continue, for from six to ten days. The whole program will cover about three weeks' solid shooting. This will be the occasion of the first meeting of the Department of the Lakes Rifle Association, for which matches several valuable trophies and prizes have been secured. The Ohio State Rifle Association has raised more than \$4,000 for cash prizes in its matches. Congress has appropriated an additional \$4,000 for the use of the national board for the promotion of rifle practice, the bulk of which will be utilized in increasing the prizes in the national match. It is estimated that next August the prize list will be greater by \$7,000 than that of any pre-

Among the features of the new arrangements is the action taken by the National Rifle Association. Heretofore its matches tion where the matches were held and the is the day the ground hog comes out for N. R. A. received 20 per cent of the gross his second forecast, and, of course, he receipts. This year the N. R. A. will con- has seen his shadow and turned in for anduct its own matches and will pay back other snoozein the form of prizes all money received from entrance fees, with the exception of the necessary expense of operating the range, which will be very small, as the Baltimore county. Md., and learn wistroops for marking and scoring, the same as it does for the national board matches. birds Wednesday before the inaugurato the National Rifle Association list. The my born days! The sky was black with most important will be that for the Ma- them as they streaked across the sky, rine Corps trophy presented by the offi- flying southward. It is so unusual for our open to everybody, with any military ri-open to everybody, with any military ri-fle, any military site, any ammunition somehow, of the big snowstorm. I Mrs. Martha Cissel the historical paper. shots for records at 600 yards and twenty shots at each range. Another new match is one for annual

members of the National Rifle Association, such membership having been proditions of the revolver team match have trot around the corner for beer.' been changed so that any organization in enter the match, and regiments may enter at each bedroom door except one. At the month. teams composed of commissioned and non- that door he puts the bell down and commissioned officers. The interclub jumps on the bed to paw the covers. You match has been restricted to entries from see he knows that Mr. Blank is deaf and at the home of the Misses Laura and civilian clubs and military companies cannot hear the ringing." which are members of the National Rifle

To render the national press rifle match

ganizations of the National Guard of the District of Co-

Col. John Jacob Astor of New York, a rapidly to a close, increased interest is be- tion, has given the association a trophy ing manifested in the reorganization bill for the interscholastic indoor championenacted the 18th ultimo. The understand- ship match, which will be shot on the ng is that the brigade will be reorganized, galleries of the various schoolboy clubs in in part, at least, prior to the annual field April. The match will be confined to exercises, which will probably occur about schools not giving a degree, except that permission has been given to the Central team. This school is authorized to give

The latter part of last week an urgent High School of Philadelphia to enter a demand was made by militia headquar- degrees by a special act of the Pennsylters for the individual service reports vania legislature and is the only public which had not then been submitted. high school in the country which does so. It is expected that between twenty and thirty schools will enter teams for this ward carrying into effect the provisions match. The Astor trophy will cost \$500 of the new law will be taken. The service and will remain in competition for twenty reports will make available information years, at the end of which time it will go needed in preparing a list of retired officers. Regulations will be secured from the President, through the War Department, to govern the organization of the be later accompanied by an endowment und of \$1,000 to furnish the medals for the match. Through the courtesy of the state of New Jersey the intercollegiate outdoor

championship rifle matches will be held on the Sea Girt range in June. This contest is for teams of six, the prize being a magnificent trophy in the form of a shield. It was won in 1905 by Princeton University and in 1906 and 1908 by George Washington University. was no contest in 1907. In 1908 it was shot on the Massachusetts range at Wakefield, among the competing teams being those from Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania and the Mas-sachusetts Institute of Technology. It is up before the supreme court of not read that they are connected with expected there will be at least ten entries

elderly man with a well balanced mind, ready to appreciate all the good things Washington had to show, but, like everybody else, he had his preference:

"There's a lot of spiendid trees out at Arlington; magnificent trees worth thousands of dollars. Seems to me the government should cut them for timber and give the cemetery more room.' It was a perfectly sensible opinion from the viewpoint of Illinois, where a man chokes unless he has a whole prairie to breathe in, and where doubtless the sawmil's are always hungry for shingles

and planks. He was probably just as patriotic as the sentimental visitor who saw in each oak at Arlington a sylvan sentinel guarding the nation's dead. It's the viewpoint that makes the dif-

An elderly woman entered a crowded car, and, as no man showed symptoms of gallantry, a young girl carrying a short-hand book arose and gave the woman her seat. At the end of a few squares the woman got off and the girl sat down. This act of courtesy aroused no be at d chivalry in the man passengers, each of whom read his paper or looked bluntly satisfied with conditions-as, of course, he had a right to, if he wished. It so happened that another elderly woman got aboard and the program was repeated, the girl hanging to a strap until the car reached the transfer station at U street. At that point a man entered, saw the girl, shook hands cordially and exclaimed in the voice of one who owns the eart. and all therein:

"Thought you were coming up to hear me speak-and the session's almost over Can't you come up to the Capitol with me now for luncheon? "Thank you, not this morning, senator have an engagement on hand; touch the

button for me-thanks." Every newspaper lost its charm for th men who had been hidden in its depths. Every stolid passenger who had ignored the meré straphanger grew simultaneously solicitous to place his share of the car at the disposal of the senator's friend. This may have been politeness or toady ism, but it didn't at all matter to an other woman passenger who had witness ed the entire affair. Her sole interes officers to bring it up to date during centered in the girl who had supplied he with a new thought under the sun-the thought that young women who go out in the world to battle for right of way are acquiring a feeling of protective ten derness for all who are helpless and o da protective tenderness that men ar throwing aside, and which se fish girls

> He was from the far west, and after a try at New York had stopped over for the inauguration on his way back home. He had his reason. "Yes, sir, I'm hitting the trail back to

God's country. I've had my dose of the east. Why, out in my part of the world it's 'What can I do for you?' But up in New York the one and eternal question is 'How can I do you?' Wouldn't you call that a good reason for going home? It sure was.

There is a fortunate young man in this city who is the father of the most remarkable two-year-old boy who ever existed or ever will. And it is the joy of his life to worship evenings at the shrine of this youngster in a beautiful place called Home. A conspicuous feature of this young man's recent devotions has been a song-not an aria that rivals get out injunctions about or a lullaby with mine: trimmings, but just a common, satisfying ditty that voices the hardships of "Poor Married Man." Of course, the boy cannot comprehend the words of this song because a scientist has written a two-volume book to prove that children cannot apply their intelligence before the age of five. But the kiddle loves every note of it, and the encores he demands would be gratifying to the father even were he a really and truly singer, which, one may remark in a whisper, he is dis-

tinetly not. There are interruptions to this idville program, of course, and one of them was caused the other day by the need of the child for a pair of overshoes, the purchase of which required the combined wisdom of the man and his pretty young wife. The boy, having been fitted, was strutting up and down an aisle of Brussels to the entertainment of several other customers when, suddenly, the pretty young wife decided to take advantage of the opportunity to buy for herself a pair of slippers she would be needing by and by. And as the clerk knelt before her with a batch of ties the two-year-old observed with humorous cynicism:

"Papa is a poor mahwid man." It was applied intelligence, all right.

It was Friday and the sun was shining. This fact was commented upon by one of two women who were together on a car. "Six more weeks of cold weather! This "Why, I thought he only came out in February," interrupted the other woman.

"All you've got to do is to go down in War Department will supply regular dom. Ground hogs run the weather bu-A number of new matches will be added tion? I never saw so many birds in all sign of bad weather to come, and- There guests. goes a dog that looks like our Rex. He vided for at the last meeting of the board for the market basket, but pass him a "They've got the cutest dog up at a



theme of an illustrated lecture by Lieut. and their friends an agreeable welcome Frank P. Lahm. Signal Corps, U.S.A., before the Potomac Literary Club at 522 6th ments being served at the close, the hours street northwest, Tuesday evening. Lieut. pleasantly passed. Miss Mabel Church Lahm said aerial navigation was less entertained with plane recitals. A vote dangerous, more fascinating and cost less of thanks for the courtesies received was for a trip of several persons a distance of ent were Mrs. and Miss Louise Allen, Mr. 100 miles than an automobile trip a and Mrs. I. L. Corby, Rev. E. C. Dinsimilar distance, and traced the develop- widdle, Mrs. and the Misses Louise and ment of air craft from their inception over 150 years ago to the latest models A. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs. E. Ross, used by the French and German armies Oscar Lydard, Miss Anna Specht, Mrs. on the frontiers, the national associations Mary and the Misses Laura, Ellen, Mabel formed abroad for the development of and Marie Church, aeronautics, and said the United States was making substantial progress in the conquest of the air, although the army was hindered in this regard because of the lack of funds provided by Congress. After Lieut Lahm's discourse, the fol- president, Francis J. P. Cleary; secrelowing program, arranged by President tary Joseph T. Fitzgerald; treasurer, F. M. Hoadley, was rendered: Plano solo. George Melling; business manager, Wil-"Il Trovatore," Mrs. Rosa L. Townsend; liam P. Normoyle; stage manager, Wilvocal solo, "A Dream," Miss Reubson, liam S. McCarthy, and assistant stage accompanied by Mrs. H. V. Seifert; recitation of a new poem, "Smile a Bit," Mrs. Josephine Rich; piano solo, "Chimes of and Walter B. Burke, constitute the ex the Ocean," Miss Katherine Harbison; ecutive staff. The club purposes to put paper, "The Ridiculous Optimist," Fred E. on a play in one of the local theaters Barber. In response to encores Mr. Bar- in the near future. ber recited "The Railroad." depicting a honeymoon trip; "The Accident," an in-surance episode, and, in response to continued applause, "Rubinstein," a travesty on the great composer. Mr. Barber was followed by Master Russell Hill with a piano solo, "Sonata Pathetique," by Beeth-The inauguration brought to Washington a visitor from Illinois. He was an overlap of them served the served them served them served them served them served them served the served them served the ser then served.

> "Reincarnation and the Life of a Day," was the subject of the esoteric lecture president, Miss Anna Skinner; guardian, given Sunday evening at 1443 Q street Mrs. N. E. Speer; chaplain, Dr. Welburn; northwest. "The question of reincarna- accountant, H. W. Kendrick; secretary, tion," said the speaker, "along with that W. D. Ellett: treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Keno. Karma, is the great subject which pre-drick; guide, Howard Smoot; companion, sents itself to the profound thinkers of today. In this study the method of an- F. Kloss; sentinel, Mrs. M. Ellett; watch. alogy, that process of the spirit whereby man, Mrs. C. Kloss. it takes note of relations, is the most use. ful means in examining into the causes of these relations of the life now and after day, the president, George Johnson, predeath. Human life, with its diurnal siding. Several applications for member, phases of activity, followed periodically ship were favorably acted upon and the by the repose of night-inspiration and banner degree conferred. Deputy Suexpiration, sleeping, waking, life, death, preme President Recher was among the the ebb and flow of the tides, the return visitors and gave a lecture on the fundaof the seasons, the law of periodicity, that mental principles of the order. rhythm which is the systole and diastole the most striking image of reincarnation, the chair. Several candidates were By this method we learn that the poet's initiated and final arrangements comwords do not express a theory, but an pleted for an entertainment and dance to axiom, 'Sleep is the brother of death.' be held March 25. Severa' mus cal sethe real man is much more alive than der. when consciousness is limited by his physical envelope.

> The Excelsior Literary Club met at the residence of Mrs. L. W. McCreery, 232 ferred the degree. Among visitors from 11th street northeast, Tuesday afternoon, other circles present who took part in with twenty-seven members and two vis- the good of the order were State Presiitors present, Mrs. Florence Duffle pre- dent W. C. Tayor, State Deputy Robert siding. After the usual preliminary exer- B. Harbaugh, District Deputies W. E. cises the study of Latin America was re- Recher and W. A. Cline and Local Depusumed and the essayist of the day, Mrs. les William J. Armstrong and Julius A. E. A. Tibbetts, took for her subject Helm. A musical and literary p ogram "Around Cape Horn" which she treated was rendered after the regular order of from various standpoints, concluding with business, the meeting assuming the phase extracts from the works of noted travel- of a St. Patrick's day party. The ball ers, which threw much light on the cus- was decorated in the colors of the Emertoms of the aborigines, especially upon ald Isle, and many Irish songs and chartheir language, which was declared to acters were presented. contain a great number of words, to be peculiarly adapted to poetical expression and to be unlike any other known lan- ership of Mrs. Sadie D. Chauncey, held guage of the world.

> Mrs. Francis Smith gave a paper on looks this circle will prove a factor in the "Straits of Magellan.' Miss Flora the race for the prize offered by the Su-McCreery gave a short paper on "Terra preme Circle for increase in membership. of the penal colony of Ushuaia, the southernmost town of the western hemi-sion Friday, when the outlook of the orsphere. After adjournment refreshments der was discussed. were served.

> Constitution Chapter was entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. the exemplified degree on the floor of Gasch and Mrs. Knight, 1741 North Capi- Cherrydale Circle, No. 481, next Wednestol street. "The (Cavalier) Quaker and day. Burgher-Their Contribution to Patriotism," was the study for the current month. Papers were read by Mrs. Gasch, Harbaugh, who has just recovered from Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Emig and Miss Van an operation, will again assume active Ness. Appropriate music was rendered by work in the field. Miss Pierce, Mrs. Allebrook, Mrs. Emig and Mrs. Lewis. Miss Pope of Boston and Mrs. Mussey, vice president general E. Recher and W. A. Cline furnish enfor the District of Columbia, were guests couraging reports of the future prospects of the chapter. After the program buffet lunch was served. The table decorations of this jurisdiction have entered the race were green and each guest was presented for the Supreme Circ'e prize. Local Depu-

with a sprig of shamrock. Mrs. Catherine Brumbaugh entertained the Crittenton Wheel Club Thursday. After the reports of the scribe, Mrs. Mary W. Story, and the financial scribe. Mrs. Eleanor Brown, a study of the Presidents was indulged in, followed by a talk on the work accomplished by the Council of Women. During the social hour refreshments were served. The visitors were Mr. Casanova, Mrs. Tracewell and Mrs.

Barrett

A meeting of the Capital Camera Club Vednesday evening was well attended. The members were fortunate in getting many excellent views of the inauguration ceremonies and of the new President, and ad many interesting and amusing experiences to relate. The secretary had ginia Richardson, who gave a recitation; Thomas A. Broaddus, who read a poem been authorized to send invitations to the members and officers of all the camera clubs in the United States and Canada, through their secretaries, inviting hose attending the inauguration to make the Capital Camera Club their headquarers. Many very cordial replies had been received from the other clubs, particularly so from the California Camera Club at San Francisco, the Los Angeles Camera Club, the Boston Camera Club and the Montreal Camera Club. A number of visiting members had called at the clubrooms. Among them was John H. Thurston, secretary of the Boston Camera Club. The treasurer's report showed the finances of the club in a most flourishing condition. Frederic B. Hyde proposed the name of T. W. Smillie as an honorary member of the club. He returned to their home at Barton Landstated that Mr. Smillie is the greatest ing, Vt., yesterday. authority on photographic chemistry, as well as one of the best-posted men in the country on the history and technology of the art of picture making. This matter will come up for action at the April meeting.

At the conclusion of the business meeting E. B. Thompson exhibited a number of fine slides. There was a series of 'orty-four slides by P. H. Christy from negatives taken by Frederic B. Hyde while in Italy, which were of remarkable peauty. The most interesting of these, are visiting Miss Florence Bon Durant of perhaps, was one of Vesuvius in eruption. Mr. Thompson had some slides of the Jamestown exposition and of old, his-'oric Virginia. Of particular interest were those of the old Bruden Church, perhaps the most famous church on this Mr. and Mrs. E. Gaylor of Washington continent, one view being of the beautiful lecturn presented by ex-President Ryan in 30th street and will occupy the Roosevelt, on which lay the Bible from same the coming summer. King Edward.

The Columbia Heights Art Club met cers of the United States Marine Corps. birds to leave at this season that I won-This will be a squadded individual match dered what it meant. Next morning I lain. Mrs. Vivian Staley gave the art "Renaissance Architecture," and fle, any military site, any ammunition somehow, of the big snowstorm. I Mrs. Martha Cissel the historical paper. Newton street last Tuesday evening and and any position. There will be twenty haven't seen those birds return yet—of 'Grecian Mythology.' Mrs. McFarland of decided to put the question of incorporation. course, I may have missed them-but if Bangor, Me., and Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. tion up to the taxpayers and voters by shots at 1,000 yards, with two sighting they are not back, why that's another Thom of Washington were the club's sending out question blanks asking for

was the smartest dog! Show him a dollar the Sheridan Woman's Relief Corps bill and he would frisk out to the kitchen met at Schmidt's Hall March 16, and was met at Schmidt's Hall March 16, and was sisting of Messrs, R. E. Potts, Oliver S visited by the department president, Mrs. Metzerott, John W. Bowler, Harry Nalley of directors and there will also be a new dime and he would know that the cook individual match for rapid fire. The conmeant him to take the tin bucket and made by Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball of the of Mr. Proctor on Newton street this week presentation of an American flag to several schools in Virginia, and the demand action toward the construction of a buildthe regular or volunteer service, armed farm where a friend of mine visits," con- for the same favor by others. Farragut with the pistol, and whose unit is not tinued the other woman. "Every morn- Corps extended an invitation to its memlarger than a squadron or battalion can ing he takes the breakfast bell and rings bers to a masquerade to be given later in

> "Yes, and a neighbor of ours had a southeast. The parlors and dining hall had been prettily dressed for the occa-

"The Conquest of the Air" was the Marie Church, gave the Good Templars and reception. With games and contests of a more intellectual cast, light refreshgiven by the guests. Among those pres-Etta Harrover, Mr. and Mrs. Woodland of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Thomas

> The local Knights of Columbus, members of Spalding Council, No. 417, met Monday evening and organized the Spalding Dramatic Club of the Knights of Columbus. The following officers were elected: President, John H. Zabel; vice officers, together with John C. Merkling

PROTECTED HOME CIRCLE.

President W. E. Recker; President, B. E. Speer; past president, V. B. Harper; vice W. D. Ellett; treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Ken-

Georgetown Circle, No. 629, met Mon-

of the cosmic heart extending into the | Cherrydale Circle, No. 481, met Tuesnight and day of Brahma-is by analogy day with President Charles Potterton in Death, no more than sleep, is not an end- lections and addresses by Deputy Supreme ing. It is merely a period of recupera- President W. E. Recher and Charles Pottion between two incarnations in which terton constituted the good of the or-

> Congressional Circle, No. 598, held its meeting Wednesday and initiated several candidates. The banner degree team con-

National Circle, No. 621, under the leadts meeting Thursday. From present out-Alexandria Circle, No. 428, held a ses-

The degree team of Congressional Circle, No. 598, has accepted an invitation to put

State Deputy Supreme President R. B.

District Deputy Supreme Presidents W. of the order and state that all the circles ties Julius Helm and W. J. Armstrong are each claiming advantage for their respective jurisdictions in this contest.

FALLS CHURCH, VA.

Special Correspondence of The Star. FALLS CHURCH, Va., March 20, 1909. The young people of Columbia Baptist Church gave a social Thursday night in the church parlors. A musical and literary program was rendered. Among those who participated were Mrs. William Fravel, who sang a solo; Miss Vir-

J. Richardson, who made a humorous ad-O. T. Updike and family, who spent the winter in Washington, are again occupying their summer residence at East Falls

on "Pennies"; Miss Margaret Fravel.

who rendered a vocal solo, and Rev. E.

Church. E. C. Franklin and family have moved from East Falls Church and are occupying the Niles residence on Broad street. Leon Gay, who was visiting his sister, Mrs. O. B. Livingston, started for Callfornia yesterday, where he will reside in the future. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gay, who were visiting their daughter, Mrs. F. E. Parker,

MT. RAINIER, MD.

Special Correspondence of The Star. MOUNT RAINIER, Md., March 20, 1908. Miss Emma Scott of Washington, Ill. and Miss Vallie Strong of Morris, Ill., Newton street.

Miss Margaret Rappleye of Oswego, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. John S. Moran of 36th

have rented the property of Mrs. Daisy same the coming summer. The Democratic Club of the seventeenth district has taken possession of its new

club quarters at 3409 Rhode Island ave-The committee on town incorporation met at the residence of F. M. Proctor on Newton street last Tuesday evening and expressions of opinion on the advisability of incorporating.

The town hall building committee, confor the purpose of taking preliminary The building will be erected on ing. Rhode Island avenue near 34th street.

James Enos Ray, speaker of the house of delegates, announced his candidacy for state senator before the Seventeenth District Democratic Club this week and was indorsed by the club for that office. Rev. Claude C. Jones, formerly pastor of the Thirty-fourth Street Christian Church, but now of Newberne, N. C., was But at that vitally interesting moment sion, and the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. called to Washington this week by the the woman who was listening had to go. Mary Church and the Misses Mabel and serious illness of his mother.